

PUBLIC WORKS  
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### HOLIDAY HOURS

- Our office will close at noon on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.
- Offices will be closed on December 25th and January 1st.
- Please call the P.D. 654-2131 with after hour emergencies.
- Happy Holidays from Public Works

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## Begins Tomorrow

Officially winter doesn't begin until December 21st, but with the exception of the last day or two, it's already here. As the seasons change, so do the types of work order requests that are received by Public Works.

During the coldest weather the Water and Sewer Department will be asked to respond to a number of individual residences with a complaint of no water. Sometimes the water lines near outside meters will be frozen, in other cases the water lines inside of customer's homes will freeze. In such cases it is important to thaw the lines before they burst.

Just as the summer heat causes movement in the earth which leads to water main breaks, this also happens with the freezing and thawing of the ground in the winter.

Occasionally when this happens a boil water order will need to be issued. (Please check the boil order link on the Public Works homepage for a complete boil order explanation.)

The Street and Alley crews will be on-call for snow and ice control. Much of their time is devoted to keeping the equipment maintained and ready to go when the need arises.

When the streets are clear potholes also begin to form. A pothole forms when moisture that has seeped into the surfaces of the roadway freezes. As the roadway thaws the pothole appears.

The Street Department makes the repair by either placing a cold mix patching material into the smaller hole. Larger areas, such as rutted up alleyways will need to be repaired with rock.

Whatever your problem, if Public Works can be of assistance, please call our office during business hours and we will be happy to enter a work order. Crews are available for emergencies after hours by calling the Police Department.